

# NEW SOUTH WALES.

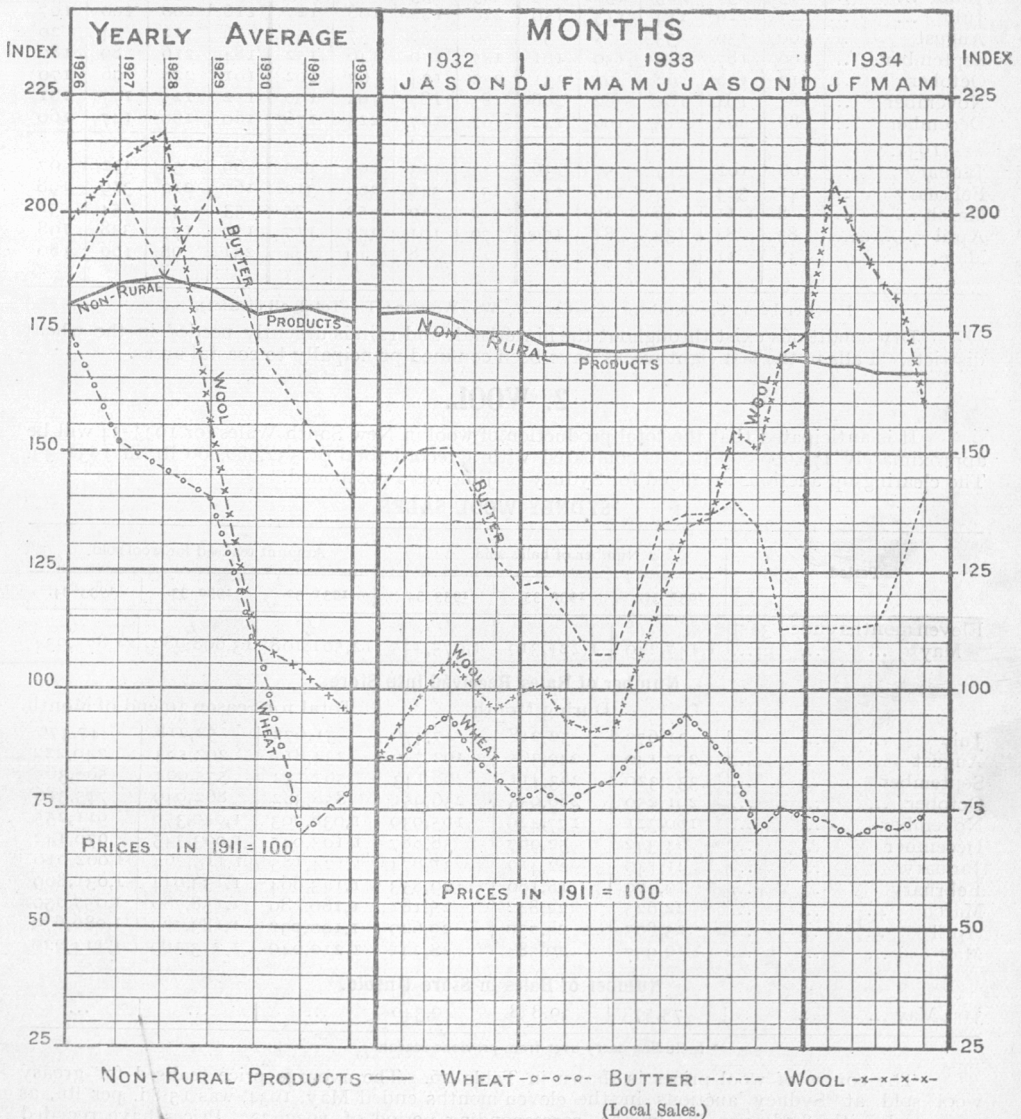
## MONTHLY SUMMARY OF BUSINESS STATISTICS.

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### INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES (SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911 = 100.



All prices are in Australian currency. The indexes for recent months are shown in table 26 on page 11 of this summary. The footnotes to that table apply also to this graph.

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[Price, 3d.]

## SECTION A.—RAINFALL AND PRODUCTION.

### 1. RAINFALL—INDEX.

Index showing Weighted Average Ratio of Actual to Normal Rainfall.  
(Average rainfall for each month = 100.)

Month.	Sheep Districts.					Wheat Districts.				Dairying Districts (Coastal only).			
	N.	C.	S.	W.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.	N.	C.	S.	T.
1933.													
April ...	69	123	79	58	86	50	130	75	86	187	151	77	164
May ...	112	78	76	73	86	91	73	71	74	58	40	83	56
June ...	103	56	65	32	69	105	55	62	65	210	154	74	178
July ...	227	129	114	113	150	228	122	108	127	216	200	100	197
August ...	60	30	53	75	51	50	36	57	50	16	12	54	20
September ...	160	187	142	150	161	147	170	146	152	184	216	89	180
October ...	213	136	68	91	131	232	124	67	102	161	228	96	170
November ...	184	194	182	382	208	183	187	193	190	172	125	177	161
December ...	88	95	213	196	142	91	107	223	176	160	166	147	160
1934.													
January ...	108	102	217	57	136	114	123	199	169	69	51	322	97
February ...	241	344	284	146	274	255	346	306	310	167	210	319	198
March ...	8	11	46	16	22	2	10	52	35	53	44	54	51
April .....	85	84	134	84	106	70	101	133	117	179	177	338	198
May .....	37	11	5	4	15	14	8	0	4	231	98	100	180

N.—Northern; S.—Southern; C.—Central; W.—Western; T.—Total, all districts.

Dry conditions exist throughout the hinterland, and rain is urgently needed in the wheat districts. Falls in the last eight weeks have been confined principally to coastal areas.

### 2. WOOL.

It is anticipated that the total production of wool in New South Wales for 1933-34 will be approximately 470,000,000 lb., as compared with a record total of 532,080,000 lb. in 1932-33. The clearing-up auctions arranged for Sydney in June were postponed.

#### SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Period.	Number of bales sold.			Amount realised for wool sold.		
	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
Eleven months ended 31st				£	£	£
May* ...	1,147,249	1,221,310	1,075,435	12,501,108	13,698,982	21,875,934

#### Number of Bales Received into Store.

	During Month.			Total for Season to end of Month.		
July ...	31,672	52,218	47,476	31,672	52,218	47,476
August ...	203,140	240,365	192,746	234,812	292,583	240,222
September ...	332,320	283,411	268,143	567,132	575,994	508,365
October ...	291,250	286,955	236,951	858,382	862,949	745,316
November ...	180,321	177,429	165,939	1,038,703	1,040,378	911,255
December ...	64,342	52,967	58,887	1,103,045	1,093,345	970,142
January ...	21,140	22,419	31,874	1,124,185	1,115,764	1,002,016
February ...	19,479	18,180	29,853	1,143,664	1,133,944	1,031,869
March ...	22,625	24,842	25,181	1,166,289	1,158,786	1,057,050
April ...	23,803	24,739	29,629	1,190,092	1,183,525	1,086,679
May ...	19,957	29,584	28,241	1,210,049	1,213,109	1,114,920

#### Number of Bales in Store Unsold.

31st May ...	75,573	39,838	49,340	...	...	...
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\* Including carry over from previous season.

The course of wool prices is shown in Table 26. The average price realised for greasy wool sold at Sydney auctions in the eleven months ended May, 1934, was 15.8d. per lb., as compared with 8.5d. per lb. in the corresponding period of 1932-33. Prices have receded steeply from the peak reached in January, 1934.



### 3. WHEAT.

The area sown with wheat for 1933-34 was 4,948,000 acres, including 4,616,000 acres for grain. It is estimated that the total crop harvested in the State is in the vicinity of 55,000,000 bushels. On 9th June, 1934, the quantity of wheat grain stored in silos and on railway premises was 27,330,000 bushels. Of this quantity 8,859,000 bushels were on sites in the Metropolitan Area.

#### WHEAT AND FLOUR EXPORTED OVERSEA FROM NEW SOUTH WALES (DIRECT)

Month.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.	1931-32.	1932-33.	1933-34.
	Bushels of Wheat.			Tons of Flour.		
December ... ..	3,470,737	5,895,225	925,068	22,404	25,331	21,632
January ... ..	5,344,553	6,033,908	560,222	10,212	15,049	20,674
February ... ..	5,307,083	7,525,590	1,912	20,291	31,373	18,258
March ... ..	3,521,337	4,166,015	480,095	24,223	30,190	16,889
April ... ..	1,853,165	1,184,170	3,518	17,046	16,499	14,392
May ... ..	1,305,925	635,482	22,487	21,293	15,080	15,117

#### WHEAT AND FLOUR.

	Bushels of Wheat (Equivalent).			Value £.		
December ... ..	4,537,605	7,101,449	1,955,154	737,355	1,039,656	258,707
January ... ..	5,830,820	6,750,537	1,544,700	986,683	981,122	196,893
February ... ..	6,273,300	9,019,564	871,359	1,013,169	1,258,224	103,923
March ... ..	4,674,823	5,603,643	1,284,340	735,213	806,092	150,247
April ... ..	2,664,881	1,969,815	688,839	433,343	277,630	80,143
May ... ..	2,319,877	1,353,556	742,349	373,318	198,201	87,539
Total (six months) ...	26,301,306	31,798,564	7,086,741	4,279,081	4,560,925	877,452

The course of wheat prices is shown in Table 26. Only small sales have been effected to date on account of the low prices offering. Continued lag in exports is anticipated in the immediate future.

### 4. BUTTER.

The production of butter from September, 1933, to April, 1934, inclusive, was a record for each month. New South Wales factories in the ten months ended April, 1934, produced 127,383,000 lb. compared with 108,606,000 lb. in the corresponding period of the previous year. The highest total previously recorded for a complete season was 123,625,000 lb. in 1932-33.

Month.	Output of Butter (New South Wales factories).		Butter exported oversea (New South Wales).			
	1932.	1933.	Quantity.		Value.	
	1932.	1933.	1932.	1933.	1932.	1933.
	Thousand lb.		Thousand lb.		£	£
July ... ..	6,013	5,929	786	604	39,248	26,035
August ... ..	6,494	6,306	1,037	1,155	53,246	45,465
September ... ..	7,737	8,102	1,463	1,356	75,544	69,268
October ... ..	12,394	13,046	3,700	3,610	195,195	177,338
November ... ..	13,707	15,607	6,804	8,186	308,524	322,754
December ... ..	14,301	17,606	6,669	8,139	272,102	312,415
Total, July-December..	60,646	66,596	20,459	23,050	943,859	953,275
	1933.	1934.	1933.	1934.	1933.	1934.
January ... ..	12,271	18,293	5,343	9,471	228,155	362,983
February ... ..	13,463	14,950	6,192	8,329	249,443	317,640
March ... ..	12,357	15,480	7,126	5,552	267,097	215,325
April ... ..	9,869	12,064	2,284	5,366	82,190	231,393
May ... ..	8,715	.....	828	4,797	31,366	182,699

The course of local butter prices is shown in Table 26. After a collapse extending from September, 1932, to April, 1933, the London butter market revived temporarily, but collapsed again in October, and weakened until January 1934. Prices have since shown a tendency to increase. Export sales parity (Sydney) on 14th June, 1934, was 80s. per cwt. compared with 87s. per cwt. a year previously.

## 5. COAL.

The quantity of coal raised in 1933 was 7,118,000 tons compared with 6,784,000 tons in 1932 and 6,432,000 tons in 1931.

Month.	Coal Hauled by Government Railways.†			Coal Exported from New South Wales.†	
	1928.	1933.	1934.	1933.	1934.
Year ended 31st December ...	tons. 6,198,971	tons. 4,902,779	tons. .....	tons. 2,599,950	tons. .....
January ...	546,533	360,500	452,715	204,914	215,672
February ...	502,801	387,499	425,812	217,050	224,032
March ...	522,006	430,810	427,395	235,651	205,322
April ...	427,279	336,798	439,861	200,664	210,000*
May ...	572,078	473,995	508,000*	237,107	257,000*

\* Approximate.

† Cargo and bunker, Oversea and interstate.

‡ Excludes coal used by the Railway Department and coal shipped or used in New South Wales without being hauled over Government railways.

## 6. MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Tabulations embracing monthly returns from 42 large factories show the following results which afford some indication of trends in the manufacturing industry:—

Month.	Factory Sales.				Employees.				Weekly Salaries and Wages			
	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	Thousand £.				Hundreds.				Hundred £.			
January...	1,982	1,822	1,996	2,199	135	137	152	163*	542	497	545	562*
February ...	1,993	2,108	2,098	2,326	140	141	156	173	535	519	559	598
March ...	1,977	2,273	2,297	2,434	142	144	155	175	539	535	549	612
April ...	1,867	2,019	1,862	2,097	140	144	156	177	531	529	529	615
May ...	1,929	1,989	2,153	...	137	142	157	...	526	523	539	...
June ...	1,879	1,823	1,964	...	137	139	155	...	506	501	536	...
July ...	1,986	1,887	1,986	...	135	142	160	...	516	520	531	...
August ...	1,845	2,058	2,176	...	136	150	162	...	514	554	563	...
September ...	1,889	2,116	2,143	...	140	155	167	...	519	559	593	...
October ...	1,914	2,042	2,198	...	142	156	171	...	539	556	605	...
November ...	2,050	2,326	2,470	...	142	156	174	...	528	560	606	...
December ...	2,265	2,375	2,414	...	142	155	173	...	527	587	621	...
Average (January -April) ...	1,955	2,056	2,063	2,264	139	142	155	172	537	520	546	597

See also Table 23.

\* Decrease due to a dispute in the Textile Industry.

NOTE.—Particulars for 1930 were shown in previous issues. The monthly averages for the year were :—Sales, £2,317,000; Employees, 16,000; and Remuneration, £64,700.

## 7. BUILDING INDUSTRY.

Value of Permits to Erect New Buildings and Additions (compiled from returns of Municipal and Shire Councils). Government buildings are excluded :—

Year.	Month of May.				March Quarter.			
	Sydney and Suburbs.	City of Sydney.	Suburbs of Sydney.		Country Municipalities.	Total, New South Wales.*		
Total New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings and Additions.	New Buildings.		New Buildings.		New Buildings and Additions.		
		No.	Value.	No.	Value.			
	£	£		£		£		
1932...	151,011	17,889	65	68,974	215	95,222	485,194	
1933...	160,010	35,528	82	63,550	297	151,802	778,283	
1934...	518,870	107,664	267	325,114	596	335,911	1,679,188	

\* Including seven Shires adjoining Metropolitan Area. All other Shires are excluded, as returns are not supplied.

Figures as to permits to erect new buildings or additions show in advance the trend in the building industry. More detailed information extending over a number of years is shown on pages 22 to 25 of the "New South Wales Statistical Bulletin" for March Quarter, 1934.

## SECTION B.—TRADE.

## 8. VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE.\*

To and from New South Wales direct Oversea.

Year.	Australian Currency Values.				British Currency Values.			
	Month of May.		Eleven Months ended 31st May.		Month of May.		Eleven Months ended 31st May.	
	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.	Imports.	Exports.
	Thousand £ Australian.				Thousand £ Sterling.			
1932 ... ..	2,218	1,928	21,192	29,609	1,774	1,537	16,599	23,214
1933 ... ..	2,297	1,942	26,432	31,202	1,834	1,551	21,103	24,912
1934 ... ..	2,783	1,494	28,025	38,352	2,222	1,193	22,375	30,621

\* Excluding bullion and specie.

The values of imports represent the cost f.o.b. port of export plus 10 per cent., and are recorded in *English currency*. The values of exports are the values in the principal markets of New South Wales, less bonuses on butter, &c., and are recorded in *Australian currency*. The respective equivalent values in Australian and British currencies shown above are *estimated*.

## 9. WHOLESALE TRADE.

Approximate Amount of Recorded Sales (New South Wales) under Sales Tax Act.

Month.	1931.		1932.		1933.		1934.	
	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Goods.	Total Taxable and Exempt Goods.
	Million £.		Million £.		Million £.		Million £.	
January ... ..	4.20	9.33	4.53	9.89	4.05	9.52	4.26	9.87
February ... ..	4.56	9.71	4.76	9.52	4.49	9.98	4.64	10.37
March ... ..	4.82	9.64	5.05	9.55	4.97	10.02	5.30	10.92
April ... ..	5.27	11.37	5.39	10.17	5.00	10.67	5.25	11.25
May ... ..	5.16	9.81	5.03	10.17	5.35	11.37		
June ... ..	5.64	10.71	4.67	9.61	4.76	10.63		
July ... ..	4.63	9.65	4.66	10.09	4.55	10.33		
August ... ..	4.68	9.10	5.01	10.22	5.08	11.23		
September ... ..	4.81	10.45	5.42	11.10	5.79	11.51		
October ... ..	4.84	10.47	5.17	11.13	5.53	11.30		
November ... ..	4.80	10.51	5.25	11.05	5.16	11.42		
December ... ..	4.91	11.47	5.36	11.76	5.70	11.81		

A considerable number of commodities was exempt from tax as from 1st September, 1932, with further exemptions as from 26th October, 1933. The number of wholesalers dealing only in exempt goods and not required to supply returns, therefore tends to increase.

## 10. RETAIL TRADE.

Returns collected by the Retail Traders' Association Research Bureau in conjunction with the Commonwealth Bank from 23 city stores indicate the following increases or decreases per cent. for months shown below compared with corresponding months of previous year:—

Month.	Number of Business Days in Month.		Net Sales (Value).	Value of Stock.	Wages and Salaries Paid.	Number of Employees.	Three Monthly Moving Average ended month shown.	
	Previous Year.	Current Year.					Net Sales (Value).	Wages and Salaries Paid.
1933.			Percentage increase (+) or decrease (—).					
August ...	27	27	(+) 1.6	(—) 1.1	(—) 7.7	(+) 2.3	(—) 3.1	(—) 5.1
September ...	26	26	(+) 0.9	(—) 4.0	(—) 3.6	(+) 3.0	(—) 1.8	(—) 5.4
October ...	25	25	(+) 6.4	(—) 4.9	(+) 3.7	(+) 2.5	(+) 2.9	(—) 2.8
November ...	26	26	(+) 2.5	(—) 4.5	(+) 3.4	(+) 1.9	(+) 3.2	(+) 1.1
December ...	25	24	(+) 1.8	(—) 6.1	(—) 2.1	(+) 2.5	(+) 3.3	(+) 1.4
1934.								
January ...	24	25	(+) 5.6	(—) 5.8	(+) 6.4	(+) 2.9	(+) 3.0	(+) 2.3
February ...	24	24	(+) 1.7	(—) 6.3	(+) 2.3	(+) 2.9	(+) 2.8	(+) 1.9
March ...	27	26	(+) 2.9	(—) 5.3	(+) 1.3	(+) 3.8	(+) 3.3	(+) 3.3
April ...	22	23	(+) 8.9	(—) 4.8	(+) 3.8	(+) 3.9	(+) 4.5	(+) 2.5

## SECTION C.—TRANSPORT AND TRAFFIC.

## 11. RAILWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES RAILWAYS REVENUE AND BUSINESS.

The financial results of operations were :—

	Month of April.			Ten Months ended 30th April.		
	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.	Gross Revenue.	Working Expenses.*	Excess of Revenue over Working Expenses.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1932 ...	1,297,256	980,573	316,683	12,806,042	10,191,887	2,614,155
1933 ...	1,197,811	901,210	296,601	13,097,547	9,582,946	3,514,601
1934 ...	1,185,149	851,281	333,868	12,532,716	8,749,883	3,782,833

\* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses.

The amount of interest chargeable against the railways in 1932-33 was £6,352,581, exclusive of £1,191,937 exchange.

	Month of April.		Ten Months ended 30th April.	
	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.	Net Goods Ton-mileage.*	Passenger Journeys.
	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.	thousands.
1932 ...	135,310	11,010	1,283,938	105,606
1933 ...	100,051	11,145	1,385,194	110,609
1934 ...	104,112	12,960	1,237,088	117,213

\* Goods (including wayleave) and live stock. Ton-mileage represents the weight times the distance (miles) it was carried.

During 1932-33 certain rail freights and workmen's weekly fares were reduced and further substantial reductions in all passenger fares and in certain freight rates were made in 1933-34.

## 12. TRAMWAYS.

## NEW SOUTH WALES TRAMWAYS.

	Sydney and Suburbs.			Newcastle and Suburbs.		
	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried. ††	Earnings.	Excess of Earnings over Working Expenses.*	Passengers Carried.
Year ended 30th June, 1933 ...	£ 3,058,696	£ 442,543	268,391,755	£ 208,151	£ 43,433	18,994,387
1933. April ...	254,713	49,431	22,633,397	16,495	2,350	1,520,184
May ...	250,563	35,014	22,226,243	17,519	4,223	1,589,914
June ...	234,987	32,633	21,155,880	16,444	1,703	1,540,863
July ...	235,010	33,088	21,070,407	17,138	3,806	1,574,258
August ...	246,069	49,012	21,086,881	16,362	3,540	1,487,016
September ...	239,909	44,478	21,163,769	16,765	4,775	1,537,881
October ...	250,187	53,808	22,474,578	17,519	4,474	1,603,717
November ...	244,061	47,751	21,824,711	17,583	5,321	1,626,604
December ...	267,879	70,178	24,060,682	19,426	6,731	1,768,604
1934. January ...	281,805	84,641	23,467,180	19,235	6,190	1,675,091
February ...	244,067	63,608	21,316,712	17,134	3,949	1,557,171
March ...	273,993	72,402	24,236,020	18,196	4,210	1,663,184
April ...	255,184	52,004	22,595,630	16,929	1,886	1,565,646
May ...	258,509	†	22,893,212	17,674	†	1,623,413

\* Interest and Sinking Fund on loan capital are not included as working expenses. The amount of interest chargeable against the tramways in 1932-33 was £383,500, exclusive of £69,000 exchange. †† Excludes passengers carried on Sydney Harbour Bridge Section only.

† Not available.



### 13. MOTOR VEHICLES.

NUMBER OF REGISTERED MOTOR VEHICLES (N.S.W.), AS AT VARIOUS DATES.†

Class.	30th June—				31st December, 1933.	28th February, 1934.	31st March, 1934.	30th April, 1934.	31st May, 1934.
	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.					
Cars ... ..	169,495	154,096	143,970	147,647	152,369	153,357	153,671	154,005	154,362
Lorries and Vans	45,309	41,788	38,618	42,335	45,613	46,155	46,447	46,752	47,123
Cycles ... ..	29,410	25,453	22,741	22,397	22,491	22,432	22,445	22,429	22,412
Buses ... ..	640	676	362	415	450	450	456	456	458
Cabs ... ..	1,340	1,078	1,070	1,066	1,052	1,051	1,050	1,051	1,052

† Government vehicles (except omnibuses) are excluded.

Average Weekly Number of New Cars Registered.\*

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1930 ...	394	361	285	200	199	196	181	183	135	141	141	132
1931 ...	78	83	69	88	59	55	47	45	45	55	60	53
1932 ...	55	61	63	58	55	53	61	71	67	93	96	106
1933 ...	74	81	89	96	88	94	95	112	132	138	146	198
1934 ...	142	144	130	147	201							

\* Represents average for four weeks ending on first Tuesday in succeeding month until October, 1932; subsequent periods end on first Friday in ensuing month. The term "new" denotes that the vehicle was not previously registered in N.S.W.

### 14. WIRELESS LICENSES.

BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENSES ISSUED IN N.S.W.

End of Month.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.*
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
January ... ..	108,663	118,507	127,462	162,813	201,206
February ... ..	108,603	118,720	130,591	164,960	204,149
March ... ..	109,026	119,398	132,583	168,695	207,503
April ... ..	109,101	120,332	135,014	171,044	212,448
May ... ..	110,504	120,642	138,054	174,729	218,322

\* Including licenses issued free to the blind.

## SECTION D.—FINANCIAL.

### 15. SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

Date.	Amount of Deposits.	Date.	Amount of Deposits.	
			1933.	1934.
1929—June 30 ... ..	£ 85,727,514†	January 31 ... ..	£ 71,262,764*	£ 73,824,490*
1930—June 30 ... ..	82,465,430†	February 28 ... ..	71,334,540*	74,030,249*
1931—March 31 ... ..	70,773,167	March 31 ... ..	71,253,452	73,958,642
June 30 ... ..	69,810,769†	April 30 ... ..	70,990,580*	74,032,844*
September 30 ... ..	71,448,529	May 31 ... ..	70,685,762*	
December 31 ... ..	72,503,441	June 30 ... ..	72,307,685†	
1932—March 31 ... ..	70,766,850	July 31 ... ..	72,308,525*	
June 30 ... ..	71,647,869†	August 31 ... ..	72,309,000*	
September 30 ... ..	70,906,662	September 30 ... ..	72,357,694	
December 31 ... ..	70,298,583	October 31 ... ..	72,453,208*	
		November 30 ... ..	72,463,571*	
		December 31 ... ..	72,503,848	

\* Approximate.

† Includes accrued interest.

## 16. TRADING BANKS—ADVANCES AND DEPOSITS (N.S.W.).

TOTAL (including Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and including Government Business).

March Quarter.	Deposits.	Advances, &c., and Government Securities.	Excess of Advances over Deposits, &c.
	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £
1932 ... ..	116,211	141,516	25,305
1933 ... ..	114,246	133,531	19,285
1934 ... ..	120,580	142,019	21,439

## 17. PRIVATE BUSINESS IN PRIVATE BANKS (N.S.W.).

(Excluding Commonwealth and Rural Banks, and excluding Government Deposits and Government Securities in Private Trading Banks.)

March Quarter.	Deposits.			Advances, &c.	Excess of Advances over Deposits.	Ratio of Advances to Deposits.
	Bearing Interest (Fixed).	Not Bearing Interest (Current).	Total.			
	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	thousand £	per cent.
1932 ... ..	59,160	37,396	96,556	91,667	(—) 4,889	94·9
1933 ... ..	58,672	36,317	94,989	91,972	(—) 3,017	96·8
1934 ... ..	60,515	42,373	102,888	91,625	(—) 11,263	89·0

## 18. INTER-BANK CLEARINGS (SYDNEY).

(Value of cheques drawn on a Bank other than the Bank in which they were Deposited.)

Month.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	Amount—Million £						Index Numbers					
January ...	86·2	78·2	67·4	46·7	49·2	59·5	107	102	82	63	68	78
February ...	88·1	75·5	63·8	47·3	47·7	59·3	107	98	82	62	66	77
March ...	89·8	83·7	69·9	42·7	53·3	58·8	106	95	81	*	63	75
April ...	89·7	68·6	62·4	43·5	44·4	52·8	104	94	82	*	63	74
May ...	89·7	76·7	54·0	46·1	58·9	61·7	104	93	77	*	67	74
June ...	84·8	71·7	57·1	51·8	52·4	...	104	90	75	66	68	...
July ...	88·8	73·7	48·9	46·8	49·7	...	106	89	66	62	68	...
August ...	84·1	58·4	45·5	46·0	48·5	...	108	85	65	64	66	...
September ...	78·7	61·7	†54·6	51·3	55·6	...	107	82	64	65	69	...
October ...	89·1	71·5	56·0	53·5	55·4	...	106	80	65	66	70	...
November ...	85·5	65·8	50·6	55·3	63·9	...	103	81	66	68	74	...
December ...	88·8	86·9	52·9	57·7	62·4	...	104	82	64	69	74	...
Year ...	1,043·3	872·4	†683·1	588·7	641·4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

\* State Government banking transactions suspended. Index not ascertainable.  
Government transactions.

† Exclusive of certain abnormal

The index may be regarded as an approximate measure of changes in the volume of business transactions settled by cheques provided it is considered in conjunction with changes in price levels. It represents the ratio of each month's clearings to the average for the month concerned during the five years 1926-1930. This average is represented by 100 each month. Seasonal fluctuations have thus been eliminated. Casual fluctuations in monthly index numbers have been smoothed out by taking a three months' moving average, that is, the index shown above for each month is the average of the actual index of that month and the preceding two months. It may be compared vertically or horizontally.

The index is adjusted to eliminate the effects of Treasury Bill and other special transactions on behalf of Governments and the effects of bank amalgamations. No adjustment has been made for normal growth or change of price levels. The amounts of clearings shown are the recorded totals less Treasury Bill transactions only.

## 19. REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS (N.S.W.).

(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

			Month of May.		Five months ended 31st May.	
			Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.*	Consideration of Sales.	Amount of Mortgages.*
			£	£	£	£
1932	...	...	943,053	940,875	4,122,462	3,571,950
1933	...	...	1,437,471	693,578	5,889,525	3,542,347
1934	...	...	1,233,334	970,736	7,622,492	6,035,435

\* Including new mortgages and renewals as registered.

The above comparison is affected by a decline in property values. Figures for individual months are shown in Table 50 of the Statistical Bulletin of New South Wales for March Quarter, 1934.

NOTE.—Mortgages and liens in some instances secure fluctuating advances, the amount of which is not recorded in the legal instruments. The amounts shown relate substantially to mortgages of fixed amounts for fixed periods, and exclude fluctuating advances (such as overdrafts) secured by mortgage. Mortgages providing collateral security of subsisting mortgages are included.

## 20. LIENS ON CROPS AND WOOL AND MORTGAGES ON LIVESTOCK.

(Registered under Liens on Crops and Wool and Stock Mortgages Act.)

			Month of May.			Five months ended 31st May.		
			Crops.	Wool.	Livestock.	Crops.	Wool.	Livestock.
			£	£	£	£	£	£
1932	...	...	474,642	500,539	304,565	3,198,394	1,389,361	989,013
1933	...	...	385,379	377,906	132,434	3,104,214	1,604,455	540,225
1934	...	...	222,778	518,605	167,556	1,696,029	1,733,551	764,265

See note under Table 19.

The numbers involved in liens and mortgages were as follow :—

Five months ended 31st May.			Number of Crop Liens.	Number of Sheep subject to Liens on Wool.*	Number of Livestock under Mortgage.		
					Sheep.*	Cattle.	Horses.
1932	...	...	6,432	5,358,127	5,236,995	60,862	8,385
1933	...	...	5,937	5,565,596	3,352,765	62,978	6,817
1934	...	...	4,024	4,950,698	4,195,887	70,298	8,296

\* In many cases sheep are included under both headings.

## 21. BANKRUPTCIES.

Sequestrations and Deeds of Arrangement, New South Wales.

Year.			Month of May.		Five months ended 31st May.	
			Number.	Liabilities.*	Number.	Liabilities.*
1932	...	...	60	£ 107,410	305	£ 896,802
1933	...	...	50	89,205	263	394,446
1934	...	...	59	85,110	241	328,725

\* Gross liabilities before deducting assets.



## SECTION E.—GENERAL.

### 22. UNEMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

Month.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.	per cent.
February .....	9·7	16·3	29·2	31·8	30·2	25·8
May .....	10·0	21·0	30·7	33·2	29·6	
August .....	12·4	23·3	31·6	33·0	28·8	
November.....	13·8	26·3	31·5	31·9	27·0	

The above figures are compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician from returns supplied by Trade Unions, and represent the proportion of unemployed members to total membership in unions reporting.

### 23. INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Data under this heading are not yet available. The numbers of employees in 98 of the larger factories of the State were as follow:—

Middle of Month.	1931.	1932.	1933.	Middle of Month.	1932.	1933.	1934.
	No.	No.	No.		No.	No.	No.
July ... ..	32,399	36,114	39,189	January ... ..	34,440	38,166	41,318*
August ... ..	32,065	37,418	39,902	February ... ..	34,903	39,776	42,499
September ... ..	32,468	38,381	40,780	March ... ..	35,435	40,136	44,019
October ... ..	33,392	38,415	42,136	April ... ..	36,040	39,911	44,371
November ... ..	34,521	39,302	42,843	May ... ..	35,535	39,900	
December ... ..	34,399	38,923	41,614	June ... ..	35,794	39,344	

\* Reduction due to a dispute in the textile industry.

Changes in the volume of employment in retail trades are indicated in Table 10.

### 24. STOCK EXCHANGE INDEX (SYDNEY).

The following index of the values of the principal Company shares on Sydney Stock Exchange embraces the ordinary shares of companies (excluding banking companies) whose business is conducted wholly or largely in New South Wales.

The prices of individual shares are unweighted, and the group averages are the means of the average monthly prices per £ of paid-up capital. The aggregate index is the average for the whole of the shares included in the groups with the addition of 24 miscellaneous shares. It represents the ratio of the average prices of ordinary shares to their par values.

Par Value of Shares = 100.

Month.	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies.	10 Retail Companies.	8 Public Utility Companies.	5 Pastoral and Finance Companies.	5 Insurance Companies.	Total* Companies 75.	34 Active Shares included in foregoing.
July, 1929...	178·8	172·9	129·9	158·8	231·6	169·4	168·8
July, 1930...	112·5	102·8	109·6	87·9	172·6	112·6	111·2
July, 1931...	77·3	65·9	90·8	79·3	119·0	79·5	83·5
Sept., 1931 §	72·3	60·2	87·9	75·2	121·3	74·4	77·2
July, 1932...	100·0	78·0	112·1	94·9	152·0	95·3	102·1
1933.							
January ...	114·4	90·2	131·9	106·2	163·3	107·0	115·4
March ...	115·2	91·6	132·8	100·4	164·9	108·3	116·3
June ...	129·1	99·3	138·3	119·6	176·6	119·3	127·2
September...	135·6	108·8	139·6	135·6	186·0	126·0	134·1
October ...	141·9	116·5	143·6	134·2	196·3	131·6	139·9
November...	139·8	117·0	140·6	138·4	196·6	130·9	138·5
December ...	139·3	120·3	143·3	145·6	199·3	132·4	139·5
1934.							
January ...	147·2	129·7	151·5	159·6	209·2	140·0	147·8
February ...	149·7	130·0	153·4	151·9	214·7	141·4	147·4
March ...	148·0	131·8	153·2	152·2	217·1	141·4	147·8
April ...	148·8	134·7	158·8	154·7	223·3	143·8	150·5
May .....	150·2	139·6	160·4	153·1	222·7	145·3	151·2

\* Including 24 Miscellaneous Companies.

§ The lowest point of the index was reached in September, 1931.



## 25. CONSUMPTION OF GAS AND ELECTRICITY.

Index of Monthly Sales of Gas and Electricity (Sydney).

(Based on number of units each equal to 3,412 British Thermal Units.)

Month.	Average, 1929 to 1931.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.
January ... ..	100	103.1	101.3	95.6	92.9	97.9	99.6
February ... ..	100	104.4	98.1	97.4	94.9	97.2	99.9
March ... ..	100	101.8	101.1	97.1	95.2	97.6	99.0
April ... ..	100	103.6	100.4	96.0	95.6	96.1	100.8
May ... ..	100	105.5	100.0	94.4	95.1	96.9	100.0
June ... ..	100	103.5	99.9	96.6	98.7	96.7	
July ... ..	100	105.2	98.7	96.0	96.7	96.1	
August ... ..	100	106.1	99.8	94.0	97.3	100.7	
September ... ..	100	108.5	97.9	93.6	96.9	98.6	
October ... ..	100	109.3	97.2	93.4	96.5	98.8	
November ... ..	100	109.3	96.1	94.6	97.2	103.0	
December ... ..	100	104.3	98.3	97.3	99.0	100.8	
Average (12 months)	100	105.4	99.1	95.5	96.3	98.4	

## 26. INDEX OF WHOLESALE PRICES

(SYDNEY).

Average for year 1911=100 in all cases. Australian Currency.

## RATES OF EXCHANGE.

Par = 100.

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter (Local Sales).	Non- Rural.\$	100 Com- modities Average.	Average Rates of Exchange.†				
						Australia on London.	London on New York.	London on Paris.	Australia on New York.	Australia on Paris.
1911* ... ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	...	...	...	...
1929* ... ..	162	140	204	184	186	102	100	100	102	100
1930* ... ..	109	110	172	178	170	100	100	100	106	105
1931* ... ..	105	70	154	180	155	128	107	107	140	137
1932* ... ..	96	88	140	177	152	125	139	139	174	172
1933* ... ..	127	82	124	172	151	125	115	147	143	181
1932—June ... ..	86	86	141	178	152	125	133	134	166	166
September ... ..	107	95	151	177	153	125	140	140	175	173
December ... ..	99	77	123	175	149	125	149	148	185	183
1933—January ... ..	101	79	123	173	148	125	145	144	181	178
February ... ..	94	77	116	173	146	125	142	142	177	176
March ... ..	92	79	108	172	144	125	142	142	176	172
April ... ..	93	81	108	172	146	125	135	142	168	176
May ... ..	104	88	120	172	148	125	124	145	152	179
June ... ..	118	90	134	173	151	125	117	144	146	178
July ... ..	134	96	137	173	154	125	105	146	130	180
August ... ..	136	90	137	172	156	125	108	148	134	183
September ... ..	154	84	140	172	156	125	104	154	130	191
October ... ..	151	71	134	171	152	125	104	155	129	192
November ... ..	171	76	114	169	152	125	95	151	118	188
December ... ..	175	74	113	169	154	125	95	148	118	185
1934—January ... ..	208	73	113	168	154	125	96	152	119	189
February ... ..	196	70	113	168	155	125	97	160	120	198
March ... ..	187	72	114	167	152	125	96	161	119	200
April ... ..	181	72	126	167	152	125	94	160	117	198
May... ..	159	74	142	167	151	125	95	161	118	200
At 15th June	145	79	142	...	...	125	96	162	120	202

\* Average for year.

† Approximate.

§ Includes only those (non-rural) primary, manufactured and imported commodities which are included in the index for 100 commodities. Highly manufactured articles are not included. The individual items are listed on pages 488 and 489 of the "Official Year Book of New South Wales" for 1920.

The decrease in prices as between the average for 1929 and May, 1934, was, respectively (per cent. of 1929 average):—Wool, 2; wheat, 47; butter, 30; non-rural, 9; 100 commodities, average, 19.

## 27. OVERSEA WHOLESALE PRICE LEVELS.

	1931.	1933.								1934.				
	Sept.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.
Great Britain—Board of Trade (1924 = 100) ...	59.7	59.7	61.2	61.5	61.7	62.0	61.8	61.9	61.9	63.0	63.4	62.5	61.9	61.6
United States—Irving Fisher (1926 = 100) ...	68.7	60.3	63.7	69.0	70.5	71.2	71.6	71.7	71.7	72.3	73.7	74.3	73.3	75.0*

Gold standard suspended by Great Britain 21st September, 1931, and by U.S.A. 6th March, 1933.

\* Four weeks.

## 28. PRICES OF METALS.

Average Monthly Spot Prices of Metals (London Exchange, English Currency).

Date.	Gold* (Fine).			Silver (Standard).		Lead.		Spelter.		Tin (Standard).		Copper (Standard).	
	per oz.			per oz.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.		per ton.	
	£	s.	d.	s.	d.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.	£	s.
Average, 1927-29 ...	4	4	11	2	1.75	22	18	26	4	240	1	64	19
September, 1931 ...	4	11	3	1	2.10	11	19	11	16	117	17	31	11
1933.													
April ...	6	0	8	1	6.44	10	19	15	1	158	0	29	12
July ...	6	4	0	1	6.34	13	10	17	15	216	15	37	19
October ...	6	11	7	1	6.22	11	19	16	9	223	10	33	13
November ...	6	8	9	1	6.43	11	13	15	4	226	16	30	12
December ...	6	6	3	1	6.67	11	10	14	18	227	14	31	7
1934.													
January ...	6	10	1	1	7.38	11	8	14	16	226	14	32	12
February ...	6	17	0	1	8.07	11	15	14	19	226	16	33	2
March ...	6	16	6	1	8.28	11	13	14	17	233	19	32	10
April ...	6	15	2	1	7.74	11	12	15	1	239	6	33	0
May ...	6	16	3	1	7.28	11	3	14	16	234	7	32	14
June (1st to 15th) ...	6	17	7	1	7.91	11	0	14	12	228	1	32	11

\*The par price of gold is £4 4s. 11d. per oz. fine.

## 29. SUMMARY.

The following Table provides some indication of trends in 1933 and 1934 in respect of the principal activities for which it is possible to indicate general trends by monthly figures:—

Refer to Table No. ...	18	9	6	5	7	11	25	12
Month.	Index of Bank Clearings.	Value of Goods sold at Wholesale.	Value of Goods sold by certain Factories.	Quantity of Coal Hauled by Railways.	Value of City and Suburban Building Permits. (d).	Number of Passenger Journeys on Railways.	Index of Quantity of Gas and Electricity Consumed.	Tramway Revenue.
1933.		£ (b)	£ (b)	tons (a)	£ (a)	(c)		£ (a)
September ...	69	1,151	214	381	295	108	98.6	257
October ...	70	1,130	220	398	223	118	98.8	268
November ...	74	1,142	247	468	277	113	103.0	262
December ...	74	1,181	241	392	203	124	100.8	287
1934.								
January ...	78	987	220	453	289	126	99.6	301
February ...	77	1,037	233	426	401	110	99.9	261
March ...	75	1,092	243	427	424	126	99.0	292
April ...	74	1,125	210	440	345	130	100.8	272
May ...	74	...	...	508	519	...	100.0	276

(a) Thousands. (b) Ten thousands. (c) Hundred thousands. (d) New buildings and additions as recorded by Municipal Councils.

The general position in regard to primary industries might be gauged by reference to tables 1 to 4, and to the prices shown in the graph on page 1, and in table 26.

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